



LEICESTERSHIRE

POLICE AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT

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The Chairman of Leicestershire Police Authority responds to the IPCC Report into the contact between Fiona Pilkington and Leicestershire Constabulary.

Barrie Roper, Chairman of Leicestershire Police Authority, said: "The Independent Police Complaints Commission has now published its report into the very sad events leading up to the deaths of Fiona Pilkington and her daughter Francecca Hardwick.

"I have seen this report and the recommendations it contains. It is my belief that those recommendations have already been implemented by the Constabulary as part of its ongoing programme of work designed to improve the safety of vulnerable people.

"Importantly, technological systems and processes are now in place whereby those who have had previous contact with the police will be instantly 'flagged' to the call handler, thereby giving a much more informed picture.

"It is fact that a tremendous amount of work has been carried out to avoid a repeat of such a tragic incident.

"Members of the Authority will now consider the report in detail. After this we will hold a meeting to decide whether we are satisfied with the progress that has been made since 2007, or whether we feel there are any further safeguards that can be put in place. The Authority is already developing an Assurance Framework to identify those areas of risk that require further scrutiny and we will ensure that all of the issues arising from this report will be taken into account.

"There has been considerable investment in improved technology and training, which are showing results. This is why it is important that anyone who is a victim of anti-social behaviour, or who witnesses such activity, does report it to the police so that it can be tackled effectively. They can either tell their local neighbourhood officers, telephone Leicestershire Constabulary on 0116 222 2222 (in an emergency dial 999) or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if they wish to remain anonymous."

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